

I want to register my objection to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to preempt regular programming and air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. With this action, however, they are most certainly not serving the public interest, as required by law. Everything about their decision -- including the stations targeted -- is shockingly partisan. In forcing their stations to show "Stolen Honor," they're effectively airing a campaign commercial for George Bush. And I doubt it will air as part of a double feature with "Going Upriver."

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.